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The nomination of General Abel D. Streight, for Governor is now a foregone conclusion.

General Garfield voted against putting wood pulp on the free list in the committee on Ways and Means the other day. This punctures his "boom."

The president very properly vetoed the deficiency appropriation bill recently passed by Congress. The bill contained a political rider intended by the Democrats to destroy the efficiency of United States Marshals. A few Republican Congressmen with more zeal than sense had given this measure their support. The President, however, saw through the scheme, and punctured it in a manner that the Brigadiers must despise.

There seems to be a spontaneous movement on the part of the colored delegates to the National Convention at Chicago, to cast their votes for Senator Bruce, of Mississippi, for Vice-President. This would certainly be a handsome compliment to the Senator, and would exhibit a commendable degree of race-pride among the colored people. We trust that the matter will be thoroughly worked up and that every colored vote in the convention will be cast for the Senator. Come to think of the matter it wouldn't do any particular harm if a goodly number of white delegates should cast their votes for Senator Bruce. His nomination even might not be such a calamity to the party as some short-stroke, weak-kneed Republicans would have us believe. With a black man on the Presidential ticket, the colored people would make the South a solid grave-yard but that they would have their votes recorded in favor of the ticket.

One of the most wanton and dastardly murders that we have heard of, lately, occurred a few days ago, near Springfield, Union County, this State. A colored man, walking peacefully along a country road, the common highway of everybody, was met by a couple of white loafers, one of whom remarked that, "that damn nigger is putting on too much style." The colored man replied that the road was free to everybody, whereupon the loafer, without further provocation, immediately drew a pistol and shot him dead. Thus another damning crime has been added to the long list of beastly outrages committed upon colored men by the poor white trash of this State. This outrage, the Shelbyville riots, and the attempted riots and the attempted violence at Aurora all show that our people must learn how to shoot well and quick. Desperadoes always respect men whom they fear. Let us then inspire them with terror.

Aurora, a small town in this State, has long maintained a strict ostracism of colored people from its limits, there being none of the race living there, and none allowed to come in from the outside world. It has been a sort of copperhead, caucasian harem, so to speak, across whose threshold no Negro could ever pass. Many have been the acts of violence committed on unfortunate, wayfaring colored persons, who have been so unfortunate as to find themselves in the God-forsaken, devil-ridden, hoodlum sink hole of pauperism and crime.

Recently a contractor from Cincinnati took a party of six colored workmen there, who, as soon as it was known they were in town, were promptly ordered to leave. This they as promptly refused to do, and were immediately waited upon by a mob of pauper, wharf-rat loafers, whose avowed intention was to kill or drive them out of town. But, like "the noble Six Hundred," these six men had no cowards in their band. They informed the cowardly rowdies that if they did not at once desist from their brutal purpose, they would receive the benefit of six navy revolvers. This acted like magic upon the assembled mob of dead beats. Like the valiant John

Hoop, of Shelbyville, they were brave enough to fight unarmed men, women and children; but when it came to fighting men armed, ready and willing for the fray, they thought it time to start for the border. They immediately dispersed and we have not heard that these plucky men have been further interfered with. There is nothing that has such a quieting salutary effect upon a gang of thugs and outlaws as a number of good navy sized in the hands of determined and resolute men. We advise our people in such benighted and ruffianly places as Shelbyville and Aurora to own a larger number of these useful little instruments and to become better acquainted with their use.

In another column we publish the proceedings of the Anti-third Term Convention at St. Louis. The Convention was large and enthusiastic. Among its members and among those who wrote letters of sympathy with its object are many of the best Republicans in the land. The feeling against a third term is deep rooted throughout the country as is clearly indicated by this Convention. It should now be apparent to the advocates of General Grant, that his nomination would endanger the success of the ticket. General Grant has been nobly rewarded for his eminent services to the country and his party. He could not now render a nobler service to both than to publish a letter positively declining to allow his name to go before the Convention.

The leaders who are now pushing General Grant with such zeal should know that it is not safe to disregard the honest convictions of even a respectable minority of the party. It is said those men who say they will not support Grant if he is nominated, will simply surrender their political preferences. It should be known that there are men who would honestly consider a vote for General Grant for a third-term a surrender of their political convictions. There is no good reason for nominating any man who is objectionable to any considerable number of Republicans throughout the land. It is not true that there is any spontaneous demand from the people for the nomination of General Grant. The real truth of the matter is that not one-fourth of the masses of the Republican party are really in favor of the nomination of General Grant.

Not that they do not respect and honor him, but because they consider his nomination or the nomination of any other man for a third term unwise, impolitic and unreplicable. Let the Chicago Convention nominate any one of the great leaders whose names are on every tongue and victory thorough and complete will be ours in November.

In the exultation of victory, and the distribution of the honors and emoluments which belong to the victors, we appeal to the white Republicans not to forget their faithful allies the sure-enough Black-Republicans. We know we shall be accused of drawing the color line by a class of pig-headed greedy time servers, who only wish to use the Negro as a sort of pack-horse, or stepping stone to the goal of their own avaricious ambitions. The colored people are the natural allies of the Republican party, but they expect, and rightfully too, to share equally in the benefits of the victory.

The Republicans of Indianapolis will strengthen their position by giving to the colored people some substantial recognition of their services to the party, and they will materially weaken their position by a failure to do so. The representation which the colored people at present have in the city government is entirely inadequate, and yet there are some greedy politicians who wish to lessen it. Such a policy would be suicidal. We cannot afford to go backward in this matter. The colored people have pretty good memories, and they will hold the men elected by their votes to a strict accountability.

Elsewhere we copy from our excellent contemporary, the Sunday Morning Call, a scathing, but just rebuke of the Sentinel's brutal attitude on the Whittaker outrage. While the whole country has stood aghast at this beastly outrage, the Sentinel has sneered and scoffed and jested. Prom-

inent Democratic Senators felt it incumbent on themselves to rise in their seats and denounce the crime. Even Senator Voorhees, the Sentinel's model statesman expressed deep sympathy for the poor boy, and declared that the institution ought to be abolished, but no word of rebuke, no feeling of regret that such a crime could be committed in a civilized land, or sentiment of sympathy for poor outraged Whittaker has escaped the unfeeling editor of the Sentinel. In its attitude on this question the Sentinel has manifested the instincts of a savage, and the brutality of a cannibal. Its course is deserving of the condemnation of every man in whose breast the smallest spark of humanity lingers. The Democratic party need never hope to gain and maintain the ascendancy in this government until it banishes from leadership, and sends into eternal exile every one of these stupid, vicious old fossils, who feed upon the dry husks of race-prejudice.

**Editorial Chaff.**  
"The South American war is becoming decidedly Chilly."  
A Louisville paper gives its readers Fitz (Butler) every issue.

The editor of "Our Age" blows his own Horn quite energetically.  
Galveston Bay ought to be holy water, because the Trinity flows into it.

If you want an angel-guardian for a wife, go to the city of Archangel in Northern Russia.

As reliable liars, the average West Point cadet can distance any Louisiana witness yet heard from.

The exodus investigation boomeranged on Senator Voorhees in his own backwalk to the tune of 800 Republican majority.

There is talk of bringing out Hamilton Fish, Jr., as a Republican presidential candidate. This is a new departure in fish culture.

"Names of insane idiots," is one of the headings on some of the tax assessors' schedules. Why not take a census of the sane idiots, also?

Senator David Davis may as well take a back seat at once, and cease hoping to be presidential lightning struck. This is the year for feather weight champions in the Democratic ranks. S. J. T., about face! Forward march!

A thing Our Age sees; Springfield, Ind., seven miles southwest of Oberlin, Ohio. One of the things it would like to know: Whether cadet Whittaker mutilated himself or not. General Schofield and the whole West Point gang want to know the same thing.

**A BLACK MAN AS VICE PRESIDENT.**  
Hon. Blanche K. Bruce, the Colored Senator from Mississippi, Acting as President of the Highest Legislative Body in the United States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4, 1880.  
EDITOR LEADER: Dear Sir—At the time of this writing Senator Bruce is presiding over the United States Senate. This morning Vice President Wheeler desired to be absent from the chair, and wished some Senator to fill his place. Impressed with the belief that Mr. Bruce would serve every purpose, he called upon him to act as President of the Senate for the time being. Senator Bruce took the chair, and is now presiding over the highest legislative body in the United States with grace and dignity—that grace and dignity which are so characteristic of him, and which he carries through all his actions.

When it became known here that the colored Senator was presiding, many curious people sought the Senate, and great gratification was expressed by them for his kindly recognition and high honor conferred upon the lone representative of the colored race in Congress by the Vice President. And, judging from the present feeling here, if the colored people in Washington could give Senator Bruce a handsome complimentary vote for the Presidency, or nominate him for Vice President at Chicago, they would do it right heartily. Why should not the delegates to the Republican Convention, and the people elsewhere feel the same way?

**The Nation's Disgrace, The Sentinel's Jest.**  
(Sunday Morning Call.)

Up to the latest moment of going to press it is not known who put the slits in Whittaker's ears. Townsend has sent for fifty Southern hogs to see if the slits are of the Southern hog style. When the hogs arrive an exciting scene is anticipated. The most learned engineers are to be employed as experts to compare the slits. Diagrams of the slits are to be prepared and sent to the War Department. If the slits in the hogs' ears and the slits in Whittaker's ears correspond, then Townsend will offer an additional thousand dollars reward for the slitters. The institution is under Republican rule, and if Whittaker has been maltreated the Republican party is responsible.—Sentinel.

We have no doubt but that the writer of the above looks upon it as exceedingly funny—but we doubt very much whether it will strike the people generally—even the Sentinel's readers—as a magnificent specimen of wit and humor. A poor colored boy—shunned and ostracized by his fellow cadets, who happened to have white skins—has his ears slit and is otherwise maltreated—and the Sentinel thinks it a capital joke, and draws a comparison between the slitting of the poor colored boy's ears and the slitting of the ears of swine! It's very laughable, isn't it? Although excuses have been attempted

to be made for the peculiar investigation of this case, sensible persons must look upon it as most outrageous and disgraceful in the extreme. The sole endeavor has been to prove that Whittaker slit his own ears, although no reason is shown therefor. Had a white cadet—one of Southern blood—been found in his room, helpless, bound hand and foot, with his ears slit and otherwise mutilated, there would have been the devil to pay all over the country. The Sentinel would not have looked upon it as a huge joke by any means, but would have "cried havoc and let slip the dogs of war" against the perpetrators. No one would have thought of charging self mutilation upon the cadet. Nor would a dignified court have sat for weeks and brought all its ingenuity to bear in order, if possible, to fasten the crime upon the injured party. This entire affair is disgraceful to the nation, and yet to the Sentinel it is nothing save a huge joke.

**Streight and the Journal.**  
(Frankford Banner.)

The Banner is not one of the papers which have been advocating the nomination of Colonel Streight, nor has it been pushing any pet candidate. We regard it as the right of every good Republican to advocate his claims to party recognition, and we do not build much on the doctrine of "the office hunting man." That is a very pretty theory, but it is foreign to our practice. Offices are not much on the hunt; men sometimes are. If a man desires an office it is his duty to aim to say so openly than to sneak in behind the conventional "many friends," or "many voters," or to be such an egotistical ass as to pretend to be so conspicuous that the discriminating "office" has passed by all his peers to hunt him out.

Just what Streight's offense is that stinks in the delicate nostrils of the Journal, we do not clearly learn from the distillates of that sheet. It seems that he has rooms at a hotel, and sends out through the State marked copies of papers containing favorable notices of his candidacy. As a matter of taste this may be questionable to a refinement so highly valued as the Indianapolis Journal enjoys, but we do not see if any outrage upon the proprieties Colonel Streight says, and his reputation for veracity is as good as Martindale's, that these newspaper notices have been voluntarily sent upon a member of his own party. The common sense of the people will see the sinister motive that is but thinly concealed by the game of the Journal's phariseism. The press that is assailed, if innocent, must resent the assault. The convention will not be the jack to jump when Martindale pulls the string.

Colonel Streight was a good soldier; he is a square Republican, has an unsullied record in the army, and is a fair play at the hands of the Republican party. The Republican as he is to be slaughtered by political pirates—if they are to be at the mercy of party desperadoes who seek sordid gain by personal detraction and vent their disappointment in venomous attack without a solemn and earnest rebuke of such disgraceful and reprehensible conduct, then the ruling order of the campaign is "dirty dogs to the front," and the fate of the party is decided by assassination. This must not, will not be tolerated. The Journal has forced a problem upon the coming convention. The solution is the nomination of Colonel Streight.

**Leader The Best.**  
To the Editor of the Leader:  
FR. WAYNE, IND., May 30.—I will see that all subscribers for the Leader pay their subscription in a few days, and will secure a few more subscribers. Mr. James Smith of Kokomo, recently requested me to inform you that he desired you to send his Leader to 221 East Washington street, this city. It has been sent to Kokomo, and he never gets it.

The Leader I am proud to say, gives universal satisfaction. Having read all the colored journals for the last 25 years, I find the Leader fearless in denouncing the wrongs inflicted upon the colored race. I find the Leader has crowded in its columns more intelligent reading matter than all the colored papers that have preceded it, more general news, better print, better editorials, and, in fact, everything superb which makes a newspaper companion for every colored family. To the managers of the Leader the colored people owe a debt of lasting gratitude.

Yours Respectfully,  
E. T. F. WHITSELL.

**A Prejudice.**  
(Cincinnati Commercial.)

There is evidently a prejudice against colored people in Indiana. The recent outrages at Shelbyville are familiar to readers of the Commercial, and now Aurora has been in a turmoil all week, caused by the fact that four colored men had been sent there by a firm in this city to perform a job of work in company with two white men. The pluck of the party, backed by six navy revolvers, caused the "hoodlums" to keep clear of danger.

**Not One.**  
(Cincinnati Enquirer.)

Of the delegates elected to Chicago and Presidential Electors selected at Columbus yesterday, not one is a colored man. This fact is especially noteworthy, because the colored people made a special point of being recognized in this connection, and presented the best men they had in the State for delegates.

**Ostracism for Color.**  
(National Republican, Washington, D. C.)

The Whittaker investigation is developing some queer ideas. The Washington National Republican prints a letter to the editor about the Whittaker case, which seems disposed to carry the war into Africa with a vengeance. The writer bluntly says: "Senator Bruce is worth a hundred Whittakers, and his Senatorial and social

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Ostracism is, from his position, a thousand times more offensive than Whittaker's. The Hon. Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts, made a telling speech the other day on Cadet Whittaker being left to himself but the "Honorable Senator did not think how severely he has left Senator Bruce and his charming wife alone."—Pittsburg Chronicle.

The basis of the above paragraph was a letter written by a warm sympathizer with West Point, and in reply to some strictures of this paper on the Whittaker case at its advent in which we championed the cause of the colored cadet with more zeal than was palatable to some of the Army officers who regard West Point—and very naturally and very properly, too—with much favor. The dragging of Senator Bruce and his estimable wife into the arena on this occasion is not justified either by good taste, public necessity or propriety. It is really an apparent impertinence that can not be excused or successfully defended, for it indicates a confusion of affairs that only exists in the imagination. Indeed, the attempt to convey the impression that Senator Bruce is a victim of ostracism is too absurd to require any attention when the real facts are known. If he is ostracized, he is not aware of it. He receives from his peers in the Senate all the attention and respectful consideration that he can desire, and from a more markedly than from Senator Hoar. He has been called to occupy the chair of the President of the Senate we think more than once during his term of office—of course we are certain, and upon that occasion on the motion of Senator Hoar—a circumstance which should silence the imputation that he in any degree has ostracized Senator Bruce. The respect shown to Senator Bruce on the floor of the Senate has been marked and to his own fullest satisfaction, and this is the case also with his social relations. In this respect the Senator and his charming wife have all the society they desire, a fact which should check all the sympathy and all the sneers that are indulged by a class of society people on their account, as both are held in the highest esteem.

### Terre Haute News.

Pat, do you like spiked lemonade?

Mrs. Johnson Mitchem has returned from Chicago.

Nathan Allen has returned from Lawrenceville, Illinois.

Chas. Smith, of Marshall, Illinois, was in the city last Monday.

Chas. Washington and Henry McCallister, went to Brazil Tuesday.

Patrick Smith, of Pana, Illinois, was in the city last week on business.

Mrs. Amelia Dyer and Mrs. Fannie Jackson went to Maxwell last Sunday.

The jug breaking at the Baptist church last Thursday night, was a success.

T. P. of Paris, says there is no use of her kicking because she did go buggy riding while there last September.

Troy Porter and Levi Artis, both of Paris, Illinois, were in the city last Saturday, making many sour masses.

Nathan Wethers and Mrs. Elizabeth Pettiford, were united in matrimony last Tuesday evening, at the residence of Mrs. Nancy Bass. Rev. W. H. Anderson officiating. After the ceremony a fine supper was set for the invited guests. We wish the happy couple much joy.

A certain gentleman who considers himself "a prominent colored Republican" makes it his business to go to prominent white men and slander the character of other colored men, whom he chooses to consider rivals. We say to this gentleman that he had better desist, or he will find this game a two handed one that will do him no good. A word to the wise is sufficient.  
P. D. B.